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IN RE APPLICATION OF

BOUGUELERET ET AL.

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FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of March 16, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on May 16, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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